

## **Invite to join a GCSE MFL Cluster group in your area.**

At OCR we are interested in promoting communication and good practice through the development of Modern Foreign Language Cluster Groups. An MFL Cluster Group could be used to support the three main languages we offer at GCSE (French, German and Spanish) or a sub-set as agreed by the cluster group membership.

A number of centres in your area have expressed an interest in joining or setting up a cluster group, so we are now contacting you to invite you to join the growing cluster groups around the country.

### **What is a cluster group and how does it operate?**

Typically a cluster will comprise of about ten centres situated in a geographical area. The members will elect a cluster coordinator who will organise meetings and set agendas as determined by the members. The cluster is 'owned' by the centres participating and will not be influenced or run by OCR. However, OCR is keen to assist the establishment of cluster groups and will provide guidance and support as appropriate.

### **Advantages of joining a cluster group:**

- Through the cluster group, you will have a line of communication with OCR.
- A cluster group can ask for additional support from OCR and other speakers, locally, at times and locations convenient to those attending, eg: a local and tailored INSET session for members of the group with a senior examiner.
- You will meet and be able to work with teachers in local centres to share good practice for teaching and learning and develop shared resources etc.

### **How to respond.**

If you are interested in joining or setting up an MFL Cluster Group please [download the attached form](#), fill in your details and submit your response using the reply button at the bottom of the form – this will then be submitted electronically to OCR.

By adding your contact details you will be giving us permission to share your centre name and contact details with other registered OCR centres in your area to allow you to set up an initial meeting. The personal information supplied will not be used for any purpose other than to set up the cluster groups. We will not disclose your personal data to any other person or organisation unless we are legally required to do so.

Yours sincerely



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